Forty Hadeeth Qudsi.

The Holy Hadeeths

Introduction: Forty Hadeeth Qudsi

In the Name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

The following is a collection of 40 Hadeeth Qudsi. But what is a Hadeeth Qudsi and how do it differ from other Hadeeths? The following discussion is given in the introduction to the book titled "Forty Hadeeth Qudsi" published by: Revival of Islamic Heritage Society, Islamic Translation Center, P.O.Box 38130, Aldahieh, Kuwait.

Hadeeth Qudsi are the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) as revealed to him by the Almighty Allah. Hadeeth Qudsi (or Sacred Hadeeth) are so named because, unlike the majority of Hadeeth which are Prophetic Hadeeth, their authority (Sanad) is traced back not to the Prophet but to the Almighty.

Among the many definitions given by the early scholars to Sacred Hadeeth is that of as-Sayyid ash-Shareef al-Jurjaani (died in 816 A.H.) in his lexicon At-Ta`reefaat where he says: "A Sacred Hadeeth is, as to the meaning, from Allah the Almighty; as to the wording, it is from the messenger of Allah (PBUH). It is that which Allah the Almighty has communicated to His Prophet through revelation or in dream, and he, peace be upon him, has communicated it in his own words. Thus Qur'an is superior to it because, besides being revealed, it is His wording."

Hadeeth 1

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:

"When Allah decreed the Creation He pledged Himself by writing in His book which is laid down with Him:

{My mercy prevails over my wrath (1).}"

Related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaari, an-Nasaa'i and Ibn Maajah).

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(1) See Hadeeth 16 below, for an example of Allah's Mercy.

Hadeeth 2

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah Almighty has said:

{The son of Adam denied Me, and he had no right to do so. And he reviled Me, and he had no right to do so. As for his denying Me, it is his saying: 'He will not remake me as He made me at first' (1) - and the initial creation [of him] is no easier for Me than remaking him. As for his reviling Me, it is his saying: 'Allah has taken to Himself a son,' while I am the One, the Everlasting Refuge. I begot not, nor was I begotten, and there is none comparable to Me.}"

Related by al-Bukhaari (and an-Nasaa'i).

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(1) i.e., bring me back to life after death.

Hadeeth 3

On the authority of Zayd ibn Khalid al-Juhaniy (may Allah be pleased with him), who said:

"The Messenger of Allah (may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) led the morning prayer for us at al-Hudaybiyah following rainfall during the night.

When the Prophet (may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) finished, he faced the people and said to them: 'Do you know what your Lord has said?'

They said: 'Allah and his Messenger know best.'
He said:
{This morning one of my servants became a believer in Me and one a disbeliever. As for him who said: 'We have been given rain by virtue of Allah and His mercy,' that one is a believer in Me, a disbeliever in the stars (2); and as for him who said: 'We have been given rain by such-and-such a star,' that one is a disbeliever in Me, a believer in the stars.}"
Related by al-Bukhaari (also by Maalik and an-Nasaa'i).
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(2) The pre-Islamic Arabs believed that rain was brought about by the movement of stars. This Hadeeth draws attention to the fact that whatever be the direct cause of such natural phenomena as rain, it is Allah the Almighty who is the Disposer of all things.

Hadeeth 4

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah said:
{Sons of Adam curse against [the vicissitudes of] Time, and I am Time: In My hand is the night and the day (1).}"
Related by al-Bukhaari (and Muslim).
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(1) As the Almighty is the Ordainer of all things, to curse against misfortunes that are part of Time is tantamount to cursing against Him.

Hadeeth 5

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah (glorified and exalted Is He) said:
{I am so self-sufficient that I am in no need of having an associate. Thus whoever does an action for someone else's sake as well as Mine, will have that action renounced by Me, to him whom he associated with Me.}"
Related by Muslim (and Ibn Maajah).

Hadeeth 6

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said: "I heard the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) say:
'The first of people against whom judgment will be pronounced on the Day of Resurrection will be a man who died a martyr.
He will be brought, and Allah will make known to him His favors and he will recognize them.
[The Almighty] will say: 'And what did you do about them?'
He will say: 'I fought for you until I died a martyr.'
He will say: 'You have lied - you did but fight that it might be said [of you]: <He is courageous.> And so it was said.'
Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire.
[Another] will be a man who has studied [religious] knowledge and has taught it and who used to recite the Qur'an.
He will be brought, and Allah will make known to him His favors and he will recognize them.
[The Almighty] will say: 'And what did you do about them?'
He will say: 'I studied [religious] knowledge and I taught it and I recited the Qur'an for Your sake.'
He will say: 'You have lied - you did but study [religious] knowledge that it might be said [of you]: <He is learned.> And you recited the Qur'an that it might be said [of you]: <He is a reciter.> And so it was said.'
Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire.

[Another] will be a man whom Allah had made rich and to whom He had given all kinds of wealth. He will be brought, and Allah will make known to him His favors and he will recognize them.
[The Almighty] will say: 'And what did you do about them?'
He will say: 'I left no path [untrodden] in which You like money to be spent without spending in it for Your sake.'
He will say: 'You have lied - you did but do so that it might be said [of you]: <He is open-handed.> And so it was said.'
Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hell-fire (1)."
Related by Muslim (also by at-Tirmizhi and an-Nasaa'i).

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(1) Indeed, doing things for one's own sake: fame, show-off, pride... and then claiming to Allaah that they were done for His sake, such is a great offense indeed. As for the person who acknowledges his sins, once faced by them in the hereafter: we have several hadeeths of the Generosity and Forgiveness of Allaah.

Hadeeth 7

On the authority of Uqbah ibn `Aamir (may Allah be pleased with him), who said: "I heard the messenger of Allah (PBUH) say:
'Your Lord delights at a shepherd who, on the peak of a mountain crag, gives the call to prayer and prays. Then Allah (glorified and exalted) Says: {Look at this servant of Mine, he gives the call to prayer and performs the prayers; he is in awe of Me. I have forgiven My servant [his sins] and have admitted him to Paradise.}'"
Related by an-Nasaa'i with a good chain of authorities.

Hadeeth 8

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (PBUH), who said:
"A prayer performed by someone who has not recited within it, the Essence of the Qur'an (1), is deficient (and he repeated the word three times), incomplete." Someone said to Abu Hurayrah: "[Even though] we are behind the imam?" (2)
He said: "Recite it to yourself, for I have heard the Prophet (may the blessings and peace of Allah be up on him) say:
'Allah (mighty and sublime Is He), had said:
{I have divided prayer between Myself and My servant into two halves, and My servant shall have what he has asked for.
When the servant says: <Al-hamdu lillaahi rabbi l-`aalameen> (3), Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) says: <My servant has praised Me.>
And when he says: <Ar-rahmaani r-raheem> (4), Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) says: <My servant has extolled Me.>
And when he says: <Maaliki yawmi d-deen> (5), Allah says: <My servant has glorified Me> - and on one occasion He said: <My servant has submitted to My power.>
And when he says: <Iyyaaka na`budu wa iyyaaka nasta`een> (6), He says: <This is between Me and My servant, and My servant shall have what he has asked for.>
And when he says: <Ihdina s-siraata l- mustaqeem, siraatal lazheena an`amta alayhim ghayril-maghdoobi alayhim wa la d-daalleen> (7), He says: <This is for My servant, and My servant shall have what he has asked for.>}'
Related by Muslim (also by Maalik, at-Tirmizhi, Abu-Dawood, an-Nasaa'i and Ibn Maajah).

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(1) Surah al-Faatihah, the first surah (chapter) of the Qur'an.
(2) i.e. standing behind the imam (leader) listening to him reciting al-Faatihah.
(3) "Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds."

(4) "The Merciful, the Compassionate".
(5) "Master of the Day of Judgement".
(6) "You do we worship and You do we ask for help".
(7) "Guide us to the straight path, the path of those upon whom You have bestowed favors, not of those against whom You are angry, nor of those who are astray".

Hadeeth 9

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (PBUH), who said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) says:
{The first of his actions for which a servant of Allah will be held accountable on the Day of Resurrection will be his prayers. If they are in order, then he will have prospered and succeeded; and if they are deficient, then he will have failed and lost.
If there is something defective in his obligatory prayers, the Lord (glorified and exalted Is He) will say: <See if My servant has any supererogatory prayers with which may be completed that which was defective in his obligatory prayers.> Then the rest of his actions will be judged in like fashion.}"
Related by at-Tirmizhi (also by Abu Dawood, an-Nasaa'i, Ibn Maajah and Ahmad).

Hadeeth 10

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (PBUH), who said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) says:
{Fasting is Mine and it is I who gives reward for it. [A man] gives up his sexual passion, his food and his drink for my sake.}"
Fasting is like a shield, and he who fasts has two joys: a joy when he breaks his fast and a joy when he meets his Lord.
The change in the breath of the mouth of him who fasts is better in Allah's estimation than the smell of musk.
Related by al-Bukhaari (also by Muslim, Maalik, at-Tirmizhi, an-Nasaa'i and Ibn Maajah).

Hadeeth 11

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (PBUH), who said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) said:
{Spend (on charity), O son of Adam, and I shall spend on you.}"
Related by al-Bukhaari (and Muslim).

Hadeeth 12

On the authority of Abu Mas`ood al-Ansaari (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said:
"A man from among those who were before you was called to account. Nothing in the way of good was found for him except that he used to have dealings with people and, being well-to-do, he would order his servants to let off the man in straitened circumstances [from repaying his debt]."
He (the Prophet PBUH) said that Allah said:
{We are worthier than you of that (of being so generous). Let him off (1).}
Related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaari and an-Nasaa'i).
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(1) Allaah is the Most Generous, thus He forgave this man.

Hadeeth 13

On the authority of Adiyy ibn Haatim (may Allah be pleased with him), who said:

"I was with the Messenger of Allah (may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) and there came to him two men: one of them was complaining of penury (being very poor), while the other was complaining of brigandry (robbery).
The Messenger of Allah (may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: 'As for brigandry, it will be but a short time before a caravan will [be able to] go out of Mecca without a guard.
As for penury, the Hour (Day of Judgement) will not arrive before one of you takes his charity around without finding anyone to accept it from him.
Then (1) one of you will surely stand before Allah, there being no screed between Him and him, nor an interpreter to translate for him.
Then He will say to him: <Did I not bring you wealth?>
And he will say: <Yes.>
Then He will say: <Did I not send to you a messenger?>
And he will say: <Yes.>
And he will look to his right and will see nothing but Hell-fire, then he will look to his left and will see nothing but Hell-fire.
So let each of you protect himself against Hell-fire, be it with even half a date - and if he finds it not, then with a kind word.'"
Related by al-Bukhaari.
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(1) i.e. on judgement day.

Hadeeth 14

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (PBUH), who said:
"Allah (glorified and exalted Is He) Has additional angels who rove about, seeking out gatherings in which Allah's name is being invoked: they sit with them and fold their wings round each other, filling (the area) between them and the lowest heaven. When [the people in the gathering] depart, [the angels] ascend and rise up to heaven."
He (the Prophet PBUH.) said: "Then Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) asks them - [though] He is most knowing about them: {From where have you come?}
They say: 'We have come from some servants of Yours on Earth: they were glorifying You (Subhaana llaah), exalting you (Allaahu akbar), witnessing that there is no god but You (La ilaaha illa llaah), praising You (Al-Hamdu lillaah), and asking [favors] of You.'
He says: {And what do they ask of Me?}
They say: 'They ask of You Your Paradise.'
He says: {And have they seen My Paradise?}
They say: 'No, O Lord.'
He says: {And how would it be were they to have seen My Paradise!}
They say: 'And they ask protection of You.'
He says: {From what do they ask protection of Me?}
They say: 'From Your Hell-fire, O Lord.'
He says: {And have they seen My Hell-fire?}
They say: 'No.'
He says: {And how would it be were they to have seen My Hell-fire!}
They say: 'And they ask for Your forgiveness.'"
He (the Prophet PBUH) said: "Then He says: {I have forgiven them and I have bestowed upon them what they have asked for, and I have granted them sanctuary from that from which they asked protection.}"
He (the Prophet PBUH) said:
"They (the angels) say: 'O Lord, among then is So-and-so, a much sinning servant, who was merely passing by and sat down with them.'"

He (the Prophet PBUH) said: "And He says: {And to him [too] I have given forgiveness: he who sits with such people shall not suffer (1).}"
Related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaari, at-Tirmizhi, and an-Nasaa'i).
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(1) Based from this hadeeth, such gatherings (circles of knowledge or praise of Allaah) are blessed even for the passer by. Thus persons attending such gatherings with the intention of benefiting from them are also blessed, even if they fail to understand all that is being taught.

Hadeeth 15

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Prophet (PBUH) said: "Allah the Almighty said:
{I am as My servant thinks I am (1).
I am with him when he makes mention of Me.
If he makes mention of Me to himself, I make mention of him to Myself; and if he makes mention of Me in an assembly, I make mention of him in a better assembly.
And if he draws near to Me an arm's length, I draw near to him a fathom's length.
And if he comes to Me walking, I go to him at speed.}
Related by al-Bukhaari (also by Muslim, at-Tirmizhi and Ibn-Maajah).
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(1) Another possible rendering of the Arabic is: {I am as My servant expects Me to be.} The meaning is that forgiveness and acceptance of repentance by the Almighty is subject to His servant truly believing that He is Forgiving and Merciful. However, not to accompany such belief with right action would be disrespectful of the Almighty.

Hadeeth 16

On the authority of the son of `Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with them both), from the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), among the sayings he related from his Lord (glorified and exalted Is He) is that he said:
"Allah has written down the good deeds and the bad ones."
Then He explained it [by saying that] "If he intends a good deed and does not perform it, Allah writes it down with Himself as a full good deed, but if he intends it and performs it, Allah writes it down with Himself as from ten good deeds to seven hundred times, or many times over.
But if he intends a bad deed and does not perform it, Allah writes it down with Himself as a full good deed, but if he intends it and performs it, Allah writes it down as one bad deed."
Related by al-Bukhaari and Muslim.

Hadeeth 17

On the authority of Abu Zharr al-Ghifaari (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (PBUH) is that among the sayings he relates from his Lord (may He be glorified) is that He said:
{O My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden amongst you, so do not oppress one another.
O My servants, all of you are astray except for those I have guided, so seek guidance of Me and I shall guide you.
O My servants, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food of Me and I shall feed you.
O My servants, all of you are naked except for those I have clothed, so seek clothing of Me and I shall clothe you.
O My servants, you sin by night and by day, and I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness of Me and I shall forgive you.

O My servants, you will not attain harming Me so as to harm Me, and will not attain benefiting Me so as to benefit Me.
O My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you, to be as pious as the most pious heart of any one man of you, that would not increase My kingdom in anything.
O My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you, to be as wicked as the most wicked heart of any one man of you, that would not decrease My kingdom in anything.
O My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you, to rise up in one place and make a request of Me, and were I to give everyone what he requested, that would not decrease what I have, any more that a needle decreases the sea if put into it.
O My servants, it is but your deeds that I reckon up for you and then recompense you for, so let him who finds good, praise Allah, and let him who finds other than that, blame no one but himself.}
Related by Muslim (also by at-Tirmizhi and Ibn Maajah).

Hadeeth 18

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) will say on the Day of Resurrection:
{O son of Adam, I fell ill and you visited Me not.}
He will say: 'O Lord, and how should I visit You when You are the Lord of the worlds?'
He will say: {Did you not know that My servant So-and-so had fallen ill and you visited him not? Did you not know that had you visited him you would have found Me with him?
O son of Adam, I asked you for food and you fed Me not.}
He will say: 'O Lord, and how should I feed You when You are the Lord of the worlds?'
He will say: {Did you not know that My servant So-and-so asked you for food and you fed him not? Did you not know that had you fed him you would surely have found that (the reward for doing so) with Me?
O son of Adam, I asked you to give Me to drink and you gave Me not to drink.}
He will say: 'O Lord, how should I give You to drink when You are the Lord of the worlds?'
He will say: {My servant So-and-so asked you to give him to drink and you gave him not to drink. Had you given him to drink you would have surely found that with Me.}"
Related by Muslim.

Hadeeth 19

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) said:
{Pride is my cloak and greatness My robe, and he who competes with Me in respect of either, I shall cast into Hell-fire.}"
Related by Abu Dawood (also by Ibn Maajah and Ahmad) with sound chains of authority. This Hadeeth also appears in Muslim in another version.

Hadeeth 20

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"The gates of Paradise open up on Mondays and on Thursdays, and every servant [of Allah] who associates nothing with Allah is forgiven, except for the man who has a grudge against his brother. [About them] it will be said: {Delay these two until they are reconciled; delay these two until they are reconciled.}"
Related by Muslim (also by Maalik and Abu Dawood).

Hadeeth 21

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said that Allah the Almighty said:
{There are three (1) whose adversary I shall be on the Day of Resurrection: a man who has given his word by Me and has broken it; a man who has sold a free man (2) and has consumed the price; and a man who has hired a workman, has exacted his due in full from him and has not given him his wage.}
Related by al-Bukhaari (also by Ibn Maajah and Ahmad ibn Hanbal).

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(1) i.e. types of men.
(2) i.e. a man who has made a slave of another and has sold him.

Hadeeth 22

On the authority of Abu Sa`eed (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"Let not any one of you belittle himself."
They said: "O Messenger of Allah, how can any one of us belittle himself?"
He said: "He finds a matter concerning Allah about which he should say something, and he does not say [it], so Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) says to him on the Day of Resurrection:
{What prevented you from saying something about such-and-such and such-and-such?}"
He (the man) says: "[It was] out of fear of people."
Then He says: {Rather, it is I whom you should more properly fear.}
Related by Ibn Maajah with a sound chain of authorities.

Hadeeth 23

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah will say on the Day of Resurrection:
{Where are those who love one another through My glory? Today I shall give them shade under My shade, the day when there is no shade but My shade.}"
Related by al-Bukhaari (and Maalik).

Hadeeth 24

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"If Allah has loved a servant [of His], He calls Gabriel (on whom be peace) and says: {I love So-and-so, therefore love him.}"
He (the Prophet PBUH) said: "So Gabriel loves him. Then he (Gabriel) calls out in heaven, saying: 'Allah loves So-and-so, therefore love him.' And the inhabitants of heaven love him."
He (the Prophet PBUH) said: "Then acceptance is established for him on earth.
And if Allah has abhorred a servant [of His], He calls Gabriel and says: {I abhor So-and-so, therefore abhor him.}
So Gabriel abhors him. Then Gabriel calls out to the inhabitants of heaven: 'Allah abhors So-and-so, therefore abhor him.'"
He (the Prophet PBUH) said: "So they abhor him, and abhorrence is established for him on earth."
Related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaari, Maalik, and at-Tirmizhi).

Hadeeth 25

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) said:
{Whosoever shows enmity to someone devoted to Me, I shall be at war with him.

My servant draws not near to Me with anything more loved by Me than the religious duties I have enjoined upon him, and My servant continues to draw near to Me with supererogatory works so that I shall love him.
When I love him I become his hearing with which he hears, his seeing with which he sees, his hand with which he strikes and his foot with which he walks. Were he to ask [something] of Me, I would surely give it to him, and were he to ask Me for refuge, I would surely grant him it. And I do not hesitate about anything as much as I hesitate about [seizing] the soul of My faithful servant: he hates death and I hate hurting him.}"
Related by al-Bukhaari.

Hadeeth 26

On the authority of Abu Umaamah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) said:
{Truly, among those devoted to Me, the one I most favor is a believer who is of meager means and much given to prayer, who has been particular in the worship of his Lord and has obeyed Him inwardly (1), who was obscure among people and not pointed out, and whose sustenance was just sufficient to provide for him yet he bore this patiently.}"
Then the Prophet (PBUH) rapped his hand and said: "Death will have come early to him (2), his mourners will have been few (3), his estate scant (4)."
Related by at-Tirmizhi (also by Ahmad ibn Hanbal and Ibn Maajah). Its chain of authorities is sound.

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(1) i.e. he has not been ostentatious in his obedience.
(2) He died prematurely.
(3) He was not a famous person, nor had a vast family.
(4) He was not rich.

Hadeeth 27

On the authority of Masrooq, who said:
"We asked Abdullaah (i.e. Ibn Mas`ood) about this verse: {And do not regard those who have been killed in the cause of Allah as dead, rather are they alive with their Lord, being provided for}" (Qur'an Chapter 3 Verse 169).
He said: "We asked about that and the Prophet (PBUH) said: 'Their souls are in the insides of green birds having lanterns suspended from the Throne, roaming freely in Paradise where they please, then taking shelter in those lanterns.
So their Lord cast a glance at them (1) and said: {Do you wish for anything?}
They said: <What shall we wish for when we roam freely in Paradise where we please?>
And thus did He do to them three times.
When they saw that they would not be spared from being asked [again], they said: <O Lord, we would like for You to put back our souls into our bodies so that we might fight for Your sake once again.>
And when He saw that they were not in need of anything, they were let be."
Related by Muslim (also by at-Tirmizhi, an-Nasaa'i and Ibn Maajah).

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(1) i.e. at those who had been killed in the cause of Allah.

Hadeeth 28

On the authority of Jundub ibn Abdullaah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"There was amongst those before you a man who had a wound. He was in [such] anguish that he took a knife and made with it a cut in his hand, and the blood did not cease to flow till he died.

Allah the Almighty said: {My servant has forestalled (1) Me with his life; I have forbidden him Paradise.}"
Related by al-Bukhaari.

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(1) i.e. Has hastily taken his own life before the apparent time decreed by Me.

Hadeeth 29

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) says:
{My faithful servant's reward from Me, if I have taken to Me his best friend from amongst the inhabitants of the world and he has then borne it patiently for My sake, shall be nothing less than Paradise.}"
Related by al-Bukhaari.

Hadeeth 30

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah (mighty and sublime Is He) said:
{If My servant likes to meet Me, I like to meet him; and if he dislikes to meet Me, I dislike to meet him.}"
Prophetic explanation of this Sacred Hadeeth: "He who likes to meet Allah, Allah likes to meet him; and he who dislikes to meet Allah, Allah dislikes to meet him."
`Aaishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said: "O Prophet of Allah, is it because of the dislike of death, for all of us dislike death?"
The Prophet (PBUH) said: "It is not so, but rather it is that when the believer is given news of Allah's mercy, His approval and His Paradise, he likes to meet Allah and Allah likes to meet him; but when the unbeliever is given news of Allah's punishment and His displeasure, he dislikes to meet Allah and Allah dislikes to meet him."
Related by al-Bukhaari and Maalik. The Prophetic version is related by Muslim.

Hadeeth 31

On the authority of Jundub (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) related:
"A man said: 'By Allah, Allah will not forgive So-and-so.'
At this Allah the Almighty said: {Who is he who swears by Me that I will not forgive So-and-so? Verily I have forgiven So-and-so and have nullified your [own good] deeds (1)} (or as he said [it]).'
Related by Muslim.

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(1) A similar Hadeeth, which is given by Abu Dawood, indicates that the person referred to, was a godly man whose previous good deeds were brought to naught through presuming to declare that Allah would not forgive someone's bad deeds.

Hadeeth 32

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"A man sinned greatly against himself, and when death came to him he charged his sons, saying: 'When I have died, burn me, then crush me and scatter [my ashes] into the sea, for, by Allah, if my Lord takes possession of me, He will punish me in a manner in which He has punished no one [else].'
So they did that to him.
Then He (Allah) said to the earth: {Produce what you have taken -and there he was!}
He said to him: {What induced you to do what you did?}

He said: 'Being afraid of You, O my Lord (or he said: Being frightened of You).'
And because of that He forgave him.
Related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaari, an-Nasaa'i and Ibn Maajah).

Hadeeth 33

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (PBUH), from among the things he reports from his Lord (mighty and sublime Is He), is that he said:
"A servant [of Allah's] committed a sin and said: 'O Allah, forgive me my sin.' And He (glorified and exalted Is He) said: {My servant has committed a sin and has known that he has a Lord who forgives sins and punishes for them.}
Then he sinned again and said: 'O Lord, forgive me my sin.' And He (glorified and exalted Is He) said: {My servant has committed a sin and has known that he has a Lord who forgives sins and punishes for them.}
Then he sinned again and said: 'O Lord, forgive me my sin.' And He (glorified and exalted Is He) said: {My servant has committed a sin and has known that he has a Lord who forgives sins and punishes for sins. Do what you wish, for I have forgiven you.}
Related by Muslim (and al-Bukhaari).

Hadeeth 34

On the authority of Anas (may Allah be pleased with him), who said: "I heard the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) say: 'Allah the Almighty said:
{O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind.
O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you.
O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great at it.}'"
Related by at-Tirmizhi (and Ahmad ibn Hanbal). Its chain of authorities is sound.

Hadeeth 35

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"Our Lord (glorified and exalted Is He) descends each night to the earth's sky when there remains the final third of the night, and He says:
{Is there anyone saying a prayer to Me, that I may answer it?
Is there anyone asking something of Me, that I may give it him?
Is there anyone asking forgiveness of Me, that I may forgive him?}"
Related by al-Bukhaari (also by Muslim, Maalik, at-Tirmizhi and Abu Dawood).
In a version by Muslim the Hadeeth ends with the words:
"And thus He continues till [the light of] dawn shines."

Hadeeth 36

On the authority of Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (PBUH), who said:
"The believers will gather together on the Day of Resurrection and will say:
'Should we not ask [someone] to intercede for us with our Lord?'
So they will come to Adam and will say: 'You are the Father of mankind; Allah created you with His hand, He made His angels bow down to you, and He taught you the names of everything, so intercede for us with you Lord so that He may give us relief form this place where we are.'
He will say: 'I am not in a position [to do that]' - and he will mention his wrongdoing and will feel ashamed and will say: 'Go to Noah, for he is the first messenger that Allah sent to the inhabitants of the earth.'

So they will come to him and he will say: 'I am not in a position [to do that]' - and he will mention his having requested something of his Lord about which he had no [proper] knowledge (Qur'an Chapter 11 Verses 45-46), and he will feel ashamed and will say: 'Go to the Friend of the Merciful (Abraham).'
So they will come to him and he will say: 'I am not in a position [to do that]. Go to Moses, a servant to whom Allah talked and to whom He gave the Torah.'
So they will come to him and he will say: 'I am not in a position [to do that]' - and he will mention the talking of a life other that for a life (Qur'an Chapter 28 Verses 15-16), and he will fell ashamed in the sight of his Lord and will say: 'Go to Jesus, Allah's servant and messenger, Allah's word and spirit.'
So they will come to him and he will say: 'I am not in a position [to do that]. Go to Muhammad (may the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him), a servant to whom Allah has forgiven all his wrongdoing, past and future.'
So they will come to me and I shall set forth to ask permission to come to my Lord, and permission will be given, and when I shall see my Lord I shall prostrate myself.
He will leave me thus for such time as it pleases Him, and then it will be said [to me]:
{Raise your head. Ask and it will be granted. Speak and it will be heard. Intercede and your intercession will be accepted.}
So I shall raise my head and praise Him with a form of praise that He will teach me.
Then I shall intercede and He will set me a limit [as to the number of people], so I shall admit them into Paradise.
Then I shall return to Him, and when I shall see my Lord [I shall bow down] as before.
Then I shall intercede and He will set me a limit [as to the number of people]. So I shall admit them into Paradise.
Then I shall return for a third time, then a fourth, and I shall say: There remains in Hell-fire only those whom the Qur'an has confined and who must be there for eternity.
There shall come out of Hell-fire he who has said 'There is no god but Allah', and who has in his heart goodness weighing a barley-corn;
then there shall come out of Hell-fire he who has said 'There is no god but Allah', and who has in his heart goodness weighing a grain of wheat;
then there shall come out of Hell-fire he who has said 'There is no god but Allah', and who has in his heart goodness weighing an atom."
Related by al-Bukhaari (also by Muslim, at-Tirmizhi, and Ibn Maajah).

Hadeeth 37

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "Allah said:
{I have prepared for My righteous servants what no eye has seen, no ear has heard, not occurred to any human's heart.} Recite if you wish (1): {And no soul knows what joy for them (the inhabitants of Paradise) has been kept hidden} (Qur'an Chapter 32 Verse 17)."
Related by al-Bukhaari, Muslim, at-Tirmizhi and Ibn Maajah.
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(1) The words "Thus recite if you wish" are those of Abu Hurayrah.

Hadeeth 38

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"When Allah created Paradise and Hell-fire, He sent Gabriel to Paradise, saying: {Look at it and at what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants.}"
The Prophet (PBUH) said: "So he came to it and looked at it and at what Allah had prepared therein for its inhabitants."
The Prophet (PBUH) said: "So he returned to Him and said: 'By your glory, no one hears of it without entering it.'

So He ordered that it be encompassed by forms of hardship, and He said: {Return to it and look at what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants.}"
The Prophet (PBUH) said: "So he returned to it and found that it was encompassed by forms of hardship (1).
Then he returned to Him and said: 'By Your glory, I fear that no one will enter it.'
He said: {Go to Hell-fire and look at it and what I have prepared therein for its inhabitants}, and he found that it was in layers, one above the other.
Then he returned to Him and said: 'By Your glory, no one who hears of it will enter it.'
So He ordered that it be encompassed by lusts.
Then He said: {Return to it.} And he returned to it and said: 'By Your glory, I am frightened that no one will escape from entering it.'"
Related by Tirmizhi, who said that it was a good and sound Hadeeth (also by Abu Dawood and an-Nasaa'i).
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(1) The Arabic word used here is "makaarih", the literal meaning of which is "things that are disliked". In this context it refers to forms of religious discipline that man usually finds burdensome.

Hadeeth 39
On the authority of Abu Sa`eed al-Khidri (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"Paradise and Hell-fire disputed together, and Hell-fire said: 'In me are the mighty and the haughty.'
Paradise said: 'In me are the weak and the poor.'
So Allah judged between them, [saying]: {You are Paradise, My mercy; through you I show mercy to those I wish. And you are Hell-fire, My punishment; through you I punish those I wish, and it is incumbent upon Me that each of you shall have its fill.}
Related by Muslim (also by al-Bukhaari and at-Tirmizhi).

Hadeeth 40
On the authority of Abu Sa`eed al-Khidri (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said:
"Allah will say to the inhabitants of Paradise: {O inhabitants of Paradise!} They will say: 'O our Lord, we present ourselves and are at Your pleasure, and goodness rests in Your hands.'
Then He will say: {Are you contented?}
And they will say: 'And how should we not be contented, O Lord, when You have given to us that which You have given to no one else of Your creation?'
Then He will say: {Would not like Me to give you something better than that?}
And they will say: 'O Lord and what thing is better than that?'
He will say: {I shall cause My favor to descend upon you and thereafter shall never be displeased with you.}
Related by al-Bukhaari (also by Muslim and at-Tirmizhi).
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